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1. At 1:20 a.m. on 19 April 1952, 11 trucks, [] 25X1
 [] 1 AT gun, and equipment were unloaded at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad station. [] the 25X1
 unit subsequently moved to the Funker Kaserne on Pappel Allee. (1)

2. On 16 April 1952, 21 tanks [] 25X1
 [] including 12 JS-3 tanks, about 30 to 40 officers and about 130 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets moved by rail from the Von der Busche Kaserne on Colditzer Strasse, Leisnig (N 52/K 69), to the Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) troop training grounds. Nineteen boxcarloads of billeting equipment with 2 to 3 officers and 8 to 10 troops with red-bordered black epaulets escorting each car, and 8 trucks were also loaded. On 17 April, 18 SP guns [] 25X1
 [] accompanied by 36 to 40 officers and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 4 boxcars with billeting equipment, 14 trucks, [] 25X1

[] accompanied by 12 to 16 officers and 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 2 boxcars with ammunition also went to Koenigsbrueck. (2)

3. Trains leaving the Wurzen (N 52/E 42) railroad station included:
 14 April. A train with 20 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia and 6 trucks; and a train with 10 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 7 trucks, [] 25X1

19 April. A train of 30 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 10 T-34 tanks, [] 25X1

[] the trains went to Koenigsbrueck. After 20 April, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was only lightly occupied by a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. (3)

4. During the period from 17 to 23 April, the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, Chemnitz (N 51/K 66), was occupied to capacity by about 800

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troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops receiving close-order drill at platoon level, field training, instruction in range estimation and training with rifles and light machine guns were seen in the Zeisigwald. (4)

5. During the period from 17 to 23 April, the Infanterie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted] the previous commanding officer had been promoted to general and was transferred. The new commanding officer was a colonel who discharged all German workers in the installation. Recruits were seen receiving individual and group training in firing, combat practice, entrenching, and constructing telephone lines in the Zeisigwald training area. The groups numbered up to 50 men. Motor vehicles seen driving to, and from the installation [redacted] (5)

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6. On 21 April, a train carrying 10 trucks with baggage, [redacted] and 2 canvas-covered guns was seen at the Eisenach (L 51/H 76) railroad station. (6)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The 1719th AAA Regt of the 9th Mecz Div is believed stationed in the Funker Kaserne in Cottbus. However, the motor vehicle [redacted] belong to the 32d AAA Div of the GORG in Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin.

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- (2) The tank types [redacted] indicate that about two battalions of the 64th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div were entrained. [redacted] that several trains with components of this division arrived in Koenigsbrueck. [redacted]

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[redacted] The ratio of 1 officer and 4 men as implied [redacted] appears to notably high. No information is available to indicate that an especially large number of officers are stationed in Leisnig or that officer courses are held there.

- (3) The units entrained in Furzen also belonged to the 8th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] reported that other components went to Koenigsbrueck on 12 April 1952. [redacted]

- (4) Recent information indicates that red-bordered black and also black-bordered black epaulets instead of black-bordered red epaulets of the MGB unit were seen at the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, Chemnitz. It cannot be determined whether there was also a change in the occupation. It is established, however, that a special training unit is stationed there. [redacted]

- (5) The Infanterie Kaserne apparently is still occupied by units of the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div. [redacted]

- (6) [redacted] this train presumably belongs to the 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which, according to information [redacted] left Weissenfels between 15 and 18 April 1952. [redacted]

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